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*Nest of Eggs*  
*Mal.*  
*ANTWA and*  
*TANNA ISLANDS*



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Tanna eggs } New  
Aniwa } Hebrides

{ Lindsay Macmillan  
2 white  
South Sea  
Expedition }

# NEST & EGGS.

J. Macmillan

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5/10/35.	SPE. A.	<u>PTILOPUS GREYI</u> (egg found in oviduct of specimen R.23). Inatangi, White Sands, E. Tanna. Bird sitting on usual scanty nest placed on horizontal banyan tree branch. 20 ft.	1.	34x24	0.	300 ASL	white.	0	2.
16/10/35.	A.	<u>PTILOPUS GREYI</u> : Inakahi, E. Tanna. Usual nest, scanty platform twig, on hor. small branch, small upright tree 8 ft from ground.	1.	34x24	0.	500 ASL	white	elongated oval	2.
16/10/35.	SPE. I SPN. I	<u>MYAGRA CALEDONICA</u> . Jarhi, N.E. Tanna. Egg, fibrous & rootlets, with celwebo & spiders egg sacks outside, between horizontal twig for handle to larger limb which runs at angle & shelters it somewhat. Rose apple tree 15 ft from ground.	2.	20x13	1/4	130 ASL	white	digit. 2,3,4.	
16/10/35	SPE. II	<u>TRICHOGLOSSUS ORNATUS</u> . Inakahi, E. Tanna. Hollowed in a hollow in small Fiji plum tree, in dense bush. Hollow in main trunk of tree, about 3 ft deep in downwards direction, entrance about 15 ft from ground, Bird on nest, male in nearby tree.	1.	26x22	0.	600 ASL	white	0	2.
	ON.	<u>COLLOCALIA ESC. URG.</u> (3 eggs taken from nest). Tanna. Colony & nests in above ground, all with	1	...	3/4	600 ASL	white	0	1.



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16/10/35.	SPE. I. SPN. I.	<u>MYAGRA CALEDONICA</u> . Larhi, W. E. Tanna. slight fibres & rootlets, with cobwebs & spiders egg sacks outside, between horizontal twig for host to larger light which runs at angle & shelters it somewhat. Rose apple tree. 15 ft from ground.	2.	20x13	130 ASL	white	0	2, 3, 4.
16/10/35	SPE. II.	<u>TRICHOGLOSSUS ORNATUS</u> . Inatangi, E. Tanna. Shallow in a hollow in small Fiji plum tree, in dense bush. Hollow in main trunk of tree, about 3 ft deep in downwards direction, entrance about 15 ft from ground, Bird on nest, mate in nearby tree.	1.	26x22	0. 600 ASL	white	0	2.
16/10/35	SPN. II.	<u>COLLOCALIA ESC. URG.</u> (3 eggs taken). Inatangi, E. Tanna. Colony 8 nests in banyan tree about 20 ft above ground, all with eggs (broken in transit). fibres & rootlets.	1	...	3/4 600 ASL	white	0	1.
17/10/35	SPE. III.	<u>Halcyon chloris</u> (?) to vague eliminate brought in by native boy (poko no english) Nest in tree fern stump no other eggs. (?)	1.	31.5x26	5/8. 100 ASL	white	0	2, 3, or 4.
19/10/35.	SPE. IV.	<u>Halcyon chloris tannensis</u> Buff breasted female left nest on finding. Takumpti gully, White Sands, East Tanna. Nest in fallen coconut stump. entrance 3 ft 6" from ground. length of burrow 8", nest cavity 3 1/2".	3	32.5x25.5	3/8 100 ASL	white	0	2, 3, or 4.
22/10/31.	SPE. V.	<u>Halcyon chloris</u> ? missing - eliminated In tree fern stump 4 ft from ground in semi bush. Entrance 2 1/2" nest cavity 3 3/4".	3	30x25 30x25 30.5x24	3/4 250 ASL	white	0	2, 3, or 4.
22/10/35	SPE. V. SPN. III.	<u>Zosterops Flavifrons</u> fine sunny day 25 with. Brought in by native who says it is a Zosterops (? colour). Found in low tree 8 ft. from ground, semi edge, cane grass pandanus type country, chick by later domestic.	2.	19x14. 19x14.	0 250 ASL	white.	0	3 only (making)
23/10/35	SPE. VI.	<u>Halcyon chloris</u> white breast. left nest. nest in tree fern stump 5 ft above ground at 11 A.M. burrow 4" long. found 200 ASL.	3	30x25 31x25 30.5x25.5	3/4 200 ASL	white	0	2, 3, 4.
	SPE. VI.	<u>Halcyon chloris</u> (? breast) not at nest. nest in pipe in Fiji plum tree 8" in. entrance 4 ft above ground.	2	30x25 31.5x25.5	3/4 250 ASL	white	0	2, 3, 4.

missing  
eliminated



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DATE	SPE SPN	Species situation nest description	MEAS. INC 4SL	COLOUR shape clutch
1/11/35.	SPE VI	<i>Halcyon chloris</i> (white breasted) white sands Tanna. Chestnut tree fern 2ft 6 above ground, semi bush.	3 31x23 1/4 200 ASL	white 0 2, 3, 4
1/11/35	SPE VII SPN IV	<i>Rhipidura flab. brachyis</i> . Nest found 4 ft above ground in low tree, garden land, white sands Tanna.	1. 18x13 fresh 250 ASL	white chestnut spots 0 3.
4/11/35	SPN V	<i>Rhipidura flab. br.</i> nestlings. found 4 PM bright sunny day 15 ft in large tree goes with SPN V semi bush. White sands East Tanna.	2 nestlings 1/2 250 ASL	— — —
8/11/35.	SPN VI	<i>Collocalia Esculenta</i> Moryg. Nest with 11 eggs SPN VI 20 ft up in tree roots. colony of about 40 pairs large for this area while usually only about 6 or 7 pairs.	X	
8/11/35	SPE 8.	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i> 8/11/35. 2 stray eggs brought in by boy	2. 21x14. 3/4	whitish black. pale. blue. 0 2.
	SPE 9 SPN VII	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i> 8/11/35. Nest + eggs said to be 3. lat. by boy found in low tree 7 ft.	2 3/4	whitish blue tinge. 0
8/11/35	SPE 10 SPN VII	<i>Zost. flavifrons</i> . garden lands. brought in by natives.	2 20x13 fresh 200 ASL 19x13 250 ASL	white tinged blue. 0 3, 4.
	SPE 11 SPN IX	said to be <i>Zost. Flav.</i> garden land brought in by boy.	3 fresh ditto	ditto — 3, 4.
9/11/35.	SPE 12 SPN X	<i>Zost. Flavifrons</i> said to be by boy who brought them in garden land 10 ft. (white before showing blue tinge after)	3 fresh ditto	ditto — 3, 4.
	SPE 13 SPN XI	<i>Zost. Lat.</i> said to be by boy who brought them in garden land.	2 3/4 ditto	whitish 0 2.
11/11/35	SPE 14 SPN XII	<i>Lelage leucopygia</i> . Found on horizontal branch of a island chestnut tree (dark leaved) about 30 ft from ground tree about 250 ASL Garden land surrounding.	1. 23x16 fresh 250 ASL	green with chestnut spots like all along and almost turning green 0 3.
id?	SPE 15 SPN XIII	<i>Zost. Flav &amp; lat.</i> garden land 15 ft.	3 fresh 200 ASL	whitish blue tinge. 0 3, 4.
	SPE 16	<i>Zost. lat.</i> garden land.	1 fresh 200 ASL	white 0

2 species *Zosterops* present  
all of uncertain identification

Is specimen 16 of any more certain identity than that there?



White Sands Jamet West & Eggs.  
DATE SPEC. Species locality situation

DATE	SPEC.	Species	locality	situation	NO.	MEAS.	INC.	ASL.	COLOUR	shape	clutch
15/11/35	SPE 17	<i>Halcyon chloris</i>	(?)	tree fern stump.	1	—	—	200	pred. ASL. white	O	2, 3, 4
14/11/35	SPE 18	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	(two nests)	In hollow in limb of fig pump, & other large tree. 2 in each. top say 4 common.	2X	—	—	200	fresh ASL. pale blue	O	2, 3, 4 or more
15/11/35	SPE 19	<i>Chalcophaps</i>	(2 nests)	Nest as usual from 4 to 15 ft up in trees or shrubs (odd higher but not much)	2X	—	—	200	1/4 ASL cream or dirty white	O	2
15/11/35	SPE 20	<i>Phalopus Greyi</i>		Usual nest 10 ft from ground horizontal branch.	1	—	—	350	pred. ASL. white	O	1 or 2
15/11/35	SPE 21	<i>Rhipidura flab. bruch.</i>		Small birding of tree 11 ft from ground in semi bush.	3	—	—	350	pred. ASL. pinkish white with chestnut spots & redder larger end.	O	3
15/11/35	SPN XV	? In cavity in banyan tree		20 ft up. stuck to side of cavity like Esulent swift. Boys say <i>Thriando</i> . but do not believe it is so as there is no mud, (certainly a cavity in this sandy area) but elsewhere it uses a mud base & builds grass on that thus <del>forms</del> fibres grassed. where this nest hung by its side note also black feathers like some swift. Nest not in colony but entirely on its own.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19/11/35	SPN XVI	<i>Rhipidura flab. bruch.</i>		Nest 24 ft up in tree on side of gully. Esaka area. semi bush. fine sunny day. <u>goes with SP 126</u>	2 nestings	—	—	—	—	—	—
19/11/35	SPN XVII	<i>Petroica multi.</i>		Nest in small shrub upright fork 4 ft from ground in dense underbrush (ficus etc.) under 30 ft trees on hillside of deep steep mountain gully. Esaka valley. 800 ASL.	1	—	—	800	pred. ASL. white scattered light brown spots	O	2 or 3
20/11/35	SPE 23	<i>Macropygia ruffa ruffa</i>	(brown phase)	Nest in crown of tree 18 ft from ground in low dense hillside scrub on side of Esaka valley. 500-900 ASL.	1	—	—	8-900	1/8 ASL. white cream.	O	1
20/11/35	SPE 24	<i>Macropygia ruffa ruffa</i>	(grey phase)	In low stunted Royal Schute tree horizontal branch 12 ft on plateau 2000 ASL. Central mountains Tanna. Nest similar but appears more scanty & smaller than SPN XVII.	1	—	—	2200	3/4 ASL. cream white	O	1

Eastern foothills, central plateau, central mountain area.  
Esaka camp

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20/11/35	SPE 25	<i>Pterodroma leucophaea</i>		Found in nest chamber at end of 6 ft burrow on almost precipitous inner slope of old volcanic crater, in patch of ferns. Colonial nests scattered of area 10 x 5 miles. + 5 to 7 miles inland from sea. Nest; few days from fresh.	1	—	—	1900	pred. ASL. white	O	1
26/11/35	SPE 26	<i>Petroica multi.</i>		Found by boy in usual surrounding dense underbrush in mountain gully behind Esaka: 5 ft from ground upright fork of low shrub. Had 3 eggs broken in transit.	3	—	—	900	1/8 ASL. greenish heavily blotched brown esp. large end.	O	3
28/11/35	SPN XX	<i>Petroica multi.</i>	(goes with SP. 138)	Nest found on fallen branch horizontal fork placed 4 ft above a storm channel in steep steep gully densely clothed with underbrush ferns, wild fig, etc. with low trees average height 25 ft. Labeled plateau, South Central mountains. Tanna New Hebr.	2 nestings	—	—	2500	—	—	2, 3
20/12/35	SPE 27	<i>Pterodroma ?</i>		1 egg found with SP. 143 found in 3 ft burrow under large stone, nest few leaves, burrow with 2 off of cliff edge. cliff 40 ft over to sea. Tanakahi, E. Tanna	1X	—	—	40	pred. ASL. pure white	O	1
10/12/35	SPE 28	<i>Pterodroma ?</i>		1 egg goes with SK 107. found near above. similar 4 ft burrow. Tanakahi, E. Tanna.	1X	—	—	40	pred. ASL. pure white ditto	O	1
10/12/35	SPE 29	<i>Pterodroma ?</i>		1 egg similar above 2 eggs.	1X	—	—	40	pred. ASL. ditto ditto	O	1
27/12/35	SPE 30	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldi.</i>		Found on horizontal limb of low tree 12 ft from ground, in semi bush garden land 20 ASL near mission, W. side Aniwa Is.	1	—	—	20	pred. ASL. white	O	1 or 2
2/1/36	SPE 31	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	sand.	2 in cycas palm 6 ft on flat front nearly no rope twists 10 ASL.	2	—	—	10	1/4 ASL. cream	O	2
3/1/36	SPE 32	<i>Myzomela carden.</i>		Nest in mango tree 20 ft. amongst water shoots near trunk.	1	—	—	30	pred. ASL. pinkish white chestnut spots esp. large end.	O	2, 3



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SPE 33

*Atias super. pel.* Doubt this is *At. super. pel.* de

nest found in long grass on small mound  
which with feathers of lake is an island, within a few  
feet of the water, nest grass & well lined with feathers.  
(Put 5 in spirit) blown, regularly sitting here.  
S.E. 5 chicks eggs.

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X

7/8

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ASL

pale brown

white

12-18

of nest

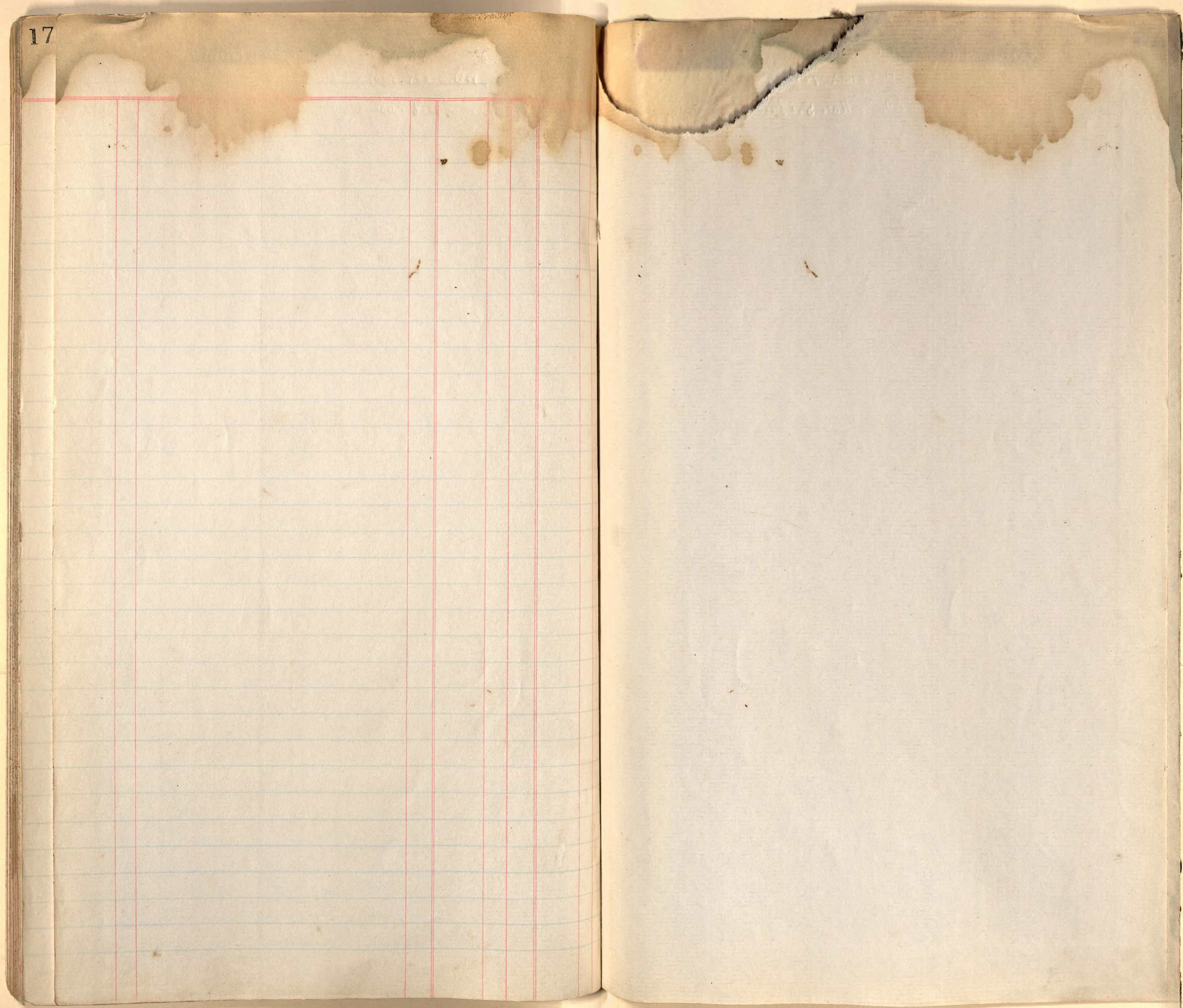














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